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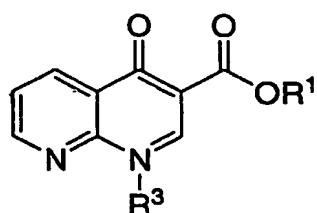
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(V)

(57) Abstract: In one aspect, the present invention is directed to a one pot method of preparing intermediates of Formula (V), which are useful in making inhibitors of phosphodiesterase-4. The present invention is also directed to a method of preparing phosphodiesterase inhibitors comprising the Formula (IX, IXa).

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2. Claims Nos.: 1 (partly)
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1. Claims: 1-15

Method for the preparation of the compounds of formula IX and IXa

2. Claims: 16-18

method of purifying a compounds of formula IX and IXa

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Claims Nos.: 1(partly)

The 1st claim appears to be directed the preparation of compounds IX and IXa. However, in the course of this claim it becomes clear that compounds according to formulae VIII and VIIa are prepared. Therefore, only this preparation has been searched in claim 1. The further reaction to compounds IX and IXa turns up in claim 8.

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